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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6730
BILL NUMBER: SB 280

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2004
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Management Districts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Gard
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a county to determine not to be a solid waste management district or part of a joint district. It also repeals an obsolete statute.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill could reduce the administrative burden on the Department of Environmental Management if it has fewer solid waste management districts to address. However, the fiscal impact is indeterminable as it is unknown how many districts may elect to discontinue being a district. Also see *Explanation of Local Expenditures*.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Solid waste management districts were created to assist the state in implementing the state's solid waste management plan, which includes statewide goals for solid waste source reduction and recycling and sets standards for final disposal facilities. Currently, all counties must either designate themselves as single-county districts or combine with other counties to create joint districts. This bill will allow a county to opt out of being a district.

The fiscal impact of this bill can vary depending on the size of the county or district that decides to no longer be a district (or part of) and the services and programs it offers. Districts may impose fees for final disposal of solid waste and levy a tax on real property for the payment of a district's bonds. They may apply for and receive matching grant funds from the Department of Environmental Management. Districts may also construct

and operate facilities and enter into financing contracts for those facilities. As of November 2004, there were a total of 63 districts, of which 38 counties made up nine joint districts.

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of Local Expenditures*.

State Agencies Affected: IDEM.

Local Agencies Affected: Solid Waste Management Districts.

Information Sources: Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance, IDEM.

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